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on THURSDAY, the 24th inst, at THREE
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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THE Company's Steamship
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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY
LIMITED.
FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY,
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THE Company's Steamship
"CHINGTU,"
J. D. C. Arthur, Commander, will be des-
patched on WEDNESDAY, the 26th
inst.
The Attendance of Passengers is directed
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STEAMER. First-class Saloon and Cabin situated forward of the Engines. Second Passengers are berthed in the poop. A full supply of provisions and liquors on board. Provisions during the entire voyage.

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Care of Daily Press
Hongkong, 16th March, 1887.

HANDSOME REWARD.

FOR INFORMATION which will lead to the DISCOVERY of alive or proof of the DEATH of CHARLES SHAVE, Cook and Contractor, born in Coastal St. 1817, He sailed from India docks in November, 1852 as Captain of the Steamship *Parthenon*, Captain Duple, for London, where he arrived and was paid off early part of 1853. "SHAVE" (who was his Wife and Family in London) was last of about this time being then in great distress from debauchery and seeking admission to the Hospital in Hongkong. Prompt information is urgent to the Police and the STEAMSHIP RICE, P. & CO. SINGAPORE.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS,
 1887.

The above Sports will take on the
CRICKET GROUNDS
 on **SATURDAY**
 the 2nd April, 1887.

when the following Events will be contested—

- * 1—100 yards Flat Race
- * 2—Putting the Shot
- * 3—120 yards Handicap.
- * 4—High Jump
- * 5—Quarter Mile Flat Race
- * 6—Throwing the Cricket Ball
- * 7—One Mile Walking Race

10.—120 yards Hurdle Race.
 11.—Boys' Race, 40 yards.
 12.—Long Jump, 16, open to Europeans.
 13.—Squash.
 14.—Long Jump.
 15.—Veterans' Flat Race, 120 yards.
 16.—Tug of War.
 17.—300 yards Race. (Handicap).
 18.—One Mile Flat Race.
 19.—Consolation Race.
 20.—International Tug of War.

With the exception of Events Nos. 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, all the above are open to all Gentlemen Amateurs.

are members or visitors in the Hongkong Club, Germania, Hongkong Cricket Club, Ladies' Recreation Club, and the Recreation Club, and also to Commandants of Naval and Military Officers.

Intending Competitors are requested to fill up their Entries (on Entry-Forms which can be obtained from the Undersigned) and to send them to the Secretary, not later than SATURDAY, 23rd instant, on which date entries close.

H. F. HAYL,
Hon. Secy. to the Club.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1887.

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BIRTH.
At Shanghai, on the 15th March, 1887, the wife of
T. LAFAR, Barrister-at-law, of a son.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 22nd, 1887.

Our correspondent "Fairplay" once more raises the much vexed question of the status of man-of-war according to the French and German mail steamers. Formerly very grave inconvenience and some injustice resulted from this manner in which the privileges accorded were used by the French vessels, and these privileges would probably have been withdrawn had not a change been made in this respect. When application was made last year by the German Government for similar privileges to be accorded to the vessels of the North German Lloyd, Her Majesty's Government, before acceding to the application, asked for and received an undertaking that the commanders and agents of the Company would give "all necessary facilities to the local authorities in relation to Customs regulations and judicial process, and would not claim to exercise the privilege in question to the detriment of public justice or of public rights." Lord Rosebery, in his despatch to Count Hatzfeldt, dated 26th April, said:—"From the time when the French line of the Messageries Maritimes first began to run to India and China difficulties have constantly arisen in the application of Art. V. of the French Convention by reason of the commanders of the steamers of that Company insisting, with the support of French Consuls, upon exercising the privileges conferred by it in their ardent sense, and so as to defeat the course of criminal justice and to deprive in certain cases private individuals of their civil remedies."

A voluminous correspondence has taken place between the British and French Governments arising out of the conflicts which have occurred at Hongkong, Singapore, and Ceylon between the judicial authorities and the Messageries Maritimes. Indeed Her Majesty's Government would have been compelled to determine the Postal Convention with France by notice under Act XXXVII. were it not that the more recent instructions which appear to have been given to the Commanders of the French postal steamers have prevented a renewal of the complaints of the Colonial Governments.

The question is whether any practical injustice is done to British shipping by the privileges enjoyed by the French and German mail steamers under the existing conditions. Our correspondent speaks of a "halo of superiority" conferred on the foreign steamers by these privileges, but if nothing more substantial than a halo is involved we think the matter may well be allowed to rest where it is. Until the agreement with the French took the complexion it now bears we never ceased to protest against what was a substantial injustice; but all cause of complaint seems to have been removed. Should difficulties arise hereafter, there can be little doubt, judging from the tone of Lord Rosebery's despatch, that the Postal Convention would be brought to an end and foreign steamers would cease to enjoy the privileges now accorded to them. The reason advanced by Germany for asking for these privileges are stated as follows:—"The steamers are bound to transport, free of cost, criminals from abroad to Germany. As, according to British law, such criminals, when the steamer touches at a British colonial port, must demand a hearing before a British judge, thus delaying the course of law and preventing the prompt delivery of the mail, the Imperial Government lay great stress on these steamers being looked upon as in some sense man-of-war." Now this colony is certainly not interested in interfering between Germany and France and their mails. But, as pointed out by Count Bismarck in the extract we have just given, if the North German Lloyd's steamers did not possess some such privilege as that asked for, they would be unable to carry criminals, for the latter would be able to sue out a writ of *habeas corpus* in a British port. It may be remembered that some time ago the Government of Netherlands India deported several Chinese and sent them by a merchant steamer bound to Amoy. The steamer called at Hongkong on its way, and the Chinese seized the opportunity of applying to the Supreme Court here and obtaining their release. So if German or French criminals are sent, say from Shanghai to Germany, the French steamers conveying them must necessarily touch at several British ports on the way, at any one of which the criminals could claim their liberty. It is only reasonable that Foreign Governments should have the privilege of conveying their criminals through British ports without their being brought under the jurisdiction of the local courts, which no doubt circumstances can only be justified by the ends of justice. The criminals could be

sent by a man-of-war, but why put the respective Governments to the expense of sending one of their war ships on a special voyage when there are mail steamers running which will answer the purpose equally well? By exempting these steamers from the ordinary process of our courts in this matter we oblige the respective Governments concerned and in no way injure ourselves. Britain holds commanding points on all the world's great highways, but it is her policy and interest to throw no impediment in the use of those highways by all nations. A dog in the manger policy would excite jealousy, create rival interests, and tend to undermine the commanding position we hold. Any privilege asked for by Foreign Governments which does not give the vessels of such Governments an unfair advantage over British ships or interfere with the course of justice should be cheerfully granted. Formerly the privilege accorded to the French mail steamers was used in such a way as to interfere with the course of justice and to exempt the vessels from obligations incumbent on British vessels; and while that was so it was justly protested against. All this has now been changed and the real cause of the protest removed. Such at least we believe to be the case, but if "Fairplay" can show that the privilege still in any way gives the foreign vessels an advantage over British vessels it would be the duty of the local members of Council to oppose, as "Fairplay" suggests, the passing of the Bill now under consideration by the Legislature. If we cannot do this we fail to see why the Bill should not be allowed to pass. The question of sentiment cannot be imported into the matter, because British vessels enjoy equivalent privileges in French ports.

The Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) inform us that the *Gen. L. de la Motte* sailed for London, last Singapore yesterday for this port.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) inform us that the O. S. S. Co's steamer *Dionide*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on Sunday afternoon for this port.

The boiler for the Peak Tramway engine safely reached its destination at the Gas station yesterday afternoon, the journey having been performed without a hitch of any kind.

A German contemporary says that the Japanese Minister, Count Saigō, has been visiting here. Count Saigō has been visiting here. Count Saigō has been visiting here.

The charge of murder, which was brought against Quin, a Chinese, by the relative of the man who was shot, on the afternoon of Sunday, March 13th, while firing his revolver to prevent the escape of a man whom he was pursuing, was yesterday withdrawn.

In another column we reproduce in article from the *British North Borneo Herald* in which an interesting account is given of the growth of the rubber trade between North Borneo and this colony. The same article also mentions other branches of business in this young settlement, and appears to consider the prospects of gold mining as good.

The Hongkong Skating Club had their twenty-third Exhibition at the City Hall on the 19th inst. The exhibition was a success, and the pictures were set out in the dress circle of the Theatre. Though not large, these being only sixty-two exhibits, the exhibition was a success, and the pictures were set out in the dress circle of the Theatre.

The Saigon correspondent of the *Independence* says:—"It is a fact that the missionaries in Annam have been locked with an unfavourable opinion on the arrival of the French, especially on account of the refusal of the latter to give them the right of occupation of the land."

The Chinese revenue cruiser *Ping Chi* (formerly *Amoy*) Captain Anderson, arrived yesterday morning. She has on board Mr. D. M. Henderson, engineer-in-chief of the Imperial Maritime Customs. He has come down here, we believe, for the purpose of making a survey of the Gap Road, on which it is proposed to build a railway to connect the southern approach to the island. It is to be hoped that an early commencement of the work may be made.

Dr. Marques d'Oliveira and Senator Horacio Costa, two officials of Macao appointed to make a study and report upon the best plan for the construction of a new road for Macao, came to Hongkong yesterday morning and proceeded to visit the Victoria Road. They were taken round the island and shown all its departments by Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes, the Acting Superintendent, who also gave them all the information they could require. The two officials expressed themselves very pleased with what they saw and heard.

His Excellency Chang Chih-tung, Viceroy of the Two Kwang, appears to be still keeping a sharp eye on his officials, watching their doings closely. In the *Peking Gazette* of the 20th ult. is published an Imperial Decree annulling the removal of a General from the Viceroy's report reporting favourably upon a number of department and district magistrates to His Majesty, and saying that the Decree may be issued concerning them for their good conduct. The Decree proceeds to name each of the officials of whom the Viceroy speaks well, and exhorts that in high office to see that they continue to be diligent in their duties, and do not lapse into idleness. The last line of the Decree says: "The Decree sentences a number of officers to degradation who have been reported unfavourably upon by the Viceroy."

News has been received which leaves little doubt that the American bark *Abies* Corwin, Captain Pendleton, which left here for Callao on the 6th inst., has been detained at the port of departure on the island of Samoa, to the east of Pohnia. Some of the natives of the island have arrived at Takow and report that the *Abies* has been detained at the port of departure on the island of Samoa, to the east of Pohnia. Some of the natives of the island have arrived at Takow and report that the *Abies* has been detained at the port of departure on the island of Samoa, to the east of Pohnia.

Kuhler's *Trade Review* says:—"The question of establishing a German bank in Japan is one that has been mooted now for a considerable period, but as yet has taken no definite shape. A correspondent who has been engaged for some time in this country and has made a particular point of gathering opinions and information on the question, comes to the conclusion that the establishment of a German bank in Japan would be a disadvantage for all parties concerned. He answers several self-imposed questions in support of his conclusion. In answer to the inquiry whether a new German bank would be able to successfully compete with the existing banks, he says that the foreign trade of Japan for the year 1886 amounted to value of 2,000,000,000 Mks., considering the size of the country, may be taken as evidence of a comparative large trade. Further, that foreign banks may profitably realize by a portion of this trade is proved by the existence of four English banks, and one French bank, which have been established in Japan for some time. The business done by foreign banks is exclusively confined to the foreign import and export trade. There is a brisk inland trade in opium on between the four islands, but this is altogether in the hands of the natives. The native trade is not very large, and does not have any dealings with Japanese merchants; the other foreign banks have ventured in, and were considerably worse off by their experiments, and a German bank would profit by this experience."

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS".]

LONDON, 19th March.

THE CLOSURE BILL.

The Closure Bill has been adopted by the House of Commons.

THE CONDITION OF IRELAND.

It is reported that the state of affairs in Ireland is getting worse.

POLICE COURT.

21st March.

Before Mr. E. MACRAE.

ALLIED MUTINY ON BOARD SHIP.

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Mr. Webster, the paper was then under discussion. This is the first offence of the present proprietors.

His Worship—I do not think I can deal with this case. If I

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THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation at the sixteenth ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the head office of the Company at Hongkong, on Thursday next, the 24th March, at 12 o'clock noon:

In submitting to the shareholders a statement of accounts for 1926, the directors are pleased to report a continued increase in the earnings of the Company, and to state that the balance of working account is \$122,712.50.

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1. A report by the Sub-Committee on whom the question of sheep and swine markets had been referred was considered. It was recommended that the early erection of proper sheep and swine markets in the neighbourhood of the cattle market at Kennedy Town, on the grounds that such markets would not only be a very great sanitary improvement, but that they would also yield return in the form of rent for the money expended in their erection.
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3. The Board then adjourned till noon, Friday, the 1st March, 1927.

POLICE COURT.

15th March.

BEFORE MR. E. MACLEAY.

THE CHARGE AGAINST A CHINESE.

MANDARIN.

The further hearing of this case of charge of perjury against the Mandarin and the chief witness in the case, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Mr. Caldwell, appeared for the defence.

The defence—Before your Worship proceeds, I beg to leave to withdraw the application that I made yesterday, that the two charges of perjury and subornation of perjury be tried separately. I think it will facilitate matters greatly if both charges are tried together.

His Worship—Very well. If Mr. Francis has no objection, I am quite willing to grant your request.

Mr. Francis having read the depositions of Leung Aye, the witness in the case, proceeded to call the first witness for the prosecution, Mr. A. I. Hillier, who is an emigrant clerk, and was called by the name of Mr. Hillier.

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POLICE COURT.

15th March.

BEFORE MR. E. MACLEAY.

THE CHARGE AGAINST A CHINESE.

MANDARIN.

The further hearing of this case of charge of perjury against the Mandarin and the chief witness in the case, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Mr. Caldwell, appeared for the defence.

The defence—Before your Worship proceeds, I beg to leave to withdraw the application that I made yesterday, that the two charges of perjury and subornation of perjury be tried separately. I think it will facilitate matters greatly if both charges are tried together.

His Worship—Very well. If Mr. Francis has no objection, I am quite willing to grant your request.

Mr. Francis having read the depositions of Leung Aye, the witness in the case, proceeded to call the first witness for the prosecution, Mr. A. I. Hillier, who is an emigrant clerk, and was called by the name of Mr. Hillier.

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The Hui-wei says that the Empress has ordered the Board of Works to employ the Imperial soldiers in widening the Kwan-ling Lake by 120 feet, so that it shall be navigable for steamers. The work will commence this spring, and it is said that four small steamers are already on the lake, including the one presented by His Excellency Li Hung-chang as a gift.

According to a Shanghai native paper, an attempt was made to execute a 20,000-wan money out of the late Hui-wei or Hoppo of Canton at the Peking gate of Peking. He got off for 10,000 through the intervention of one of the Ministers of State. The Hui-wei then gave a No. 1 bullet. Later on he was shot down on the 19th of February.

The Hui-wei says that the Foreign authorities have been unable to collect a small debt and they are in a very awkward position. They now propose to levy duty on the boats, which would be a very heavy loss, as the boats are done in Canton. There is a great difficulty of cash in Peking, and much difficulty in getting respectable banks to re-open after the late disturbances.

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The article published under the name of the Marquis Tiao-wei in the *Shen Bao* is a very interesting study. Many of the ideas are no doubt the Marquis's, but it would be crediting him with a mischievous command of a foreign language to suppose that there was not some dark gentleman behind to at least see the article through the press. Little political significance is attached to the paper, which is regarded rather as a personal manifesto of the Marquis.

The Marquis Tiao-wei has settled down not without dignity into his most useful position at the T'ung-t'ung Yamen. That he is as yet a power there it would be premature to say, but at any rate he has in him a means of obtaining information they never before possessed, and that alone must give him influence. His scoldable disposition lends the Marquis to the foreign Legation, where he falls freely but says nothing, and is very receptive of what the Ministers tell him. It cannot be that in course of time the Yamen will assume a kind of central position, and under the Marquis's hand, and under the influence of the Marquis's hand, and under the influence of the Marquis's hand.

The marriage of Monsieur Sembrat of the French Legation and Mademoiselle Strindberg, niece of His Excellency the Belgian Minister, was celebrated on the 20th ult. and was a very brilliant affair, the guests all in full dress. The bride looked lovely in a splendid dress of white satin. The official ceremony took place at the T'ung-t'ung Cathedral in a vestry room, and immediately thereafter the first religious ceremony was held in the body of the church, the mass being conducted by Abbe Favier. A second religious ceremony was observed in the chapel of the Russian Legation, and the Marquis Tiao-wei, who was present, greatly interested the spectators, few of whom had previously had an opportunity of witnessing such a service. After the marriage ceremony by his proxy, Mr. Lee, Wang, and his physician, Doctor Dudson, died at the Netherlands Legation, at the request of His Excellency Mr. Ferguson. The company consisted of the Marquis Tiao-wei, the British Minister and Mrs. Dudson, Doctor and Mrs. Martin (W. M. College), Doctor and Mrs. Pritchard (London Mission), Mr. and Mrs. Cohen (British Legation), Doctor and Mrs. Eklund, etc. The Marquis seemed quite in his element, and although not in good health, he showed no signs of it. He was very much interested in the ceremony, and he was very much interested in the ceremony.

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A short time ago an expedition was sent from Saigon to the provinces of Phay, which was being ravaged by robbers. The work has been accomplished apparently without difficulty according to correspondence published in the Saigon Press on the 20th ultimo. Plans a rebel General and a Chinese supporter of arms were executed in sight of more than three thousand natives and former chiefs of the robbers who came from all parts of the province bringing with them their rifles, their lances, and their standards. The French have been well received by the settled population.

Under the heading of "Annoyances" the *Indo-Chinois* has the following: "The *Indo-Chinois*, justly provoked by the annoying interference of the Administration in private affairs called affairs of honor, from this date places at the disposal of Government servants everything necessary for a properly conducted duel without risk of Police interference. At any hour of the day and night may be had seconds, arms, and a secret place specially arranged for meetings. The administration of the duel will also charge itself at the expense of the parties, with the providing of medical attendance on the field and the organization of banquets afterwards. All this at very favorable prices as compared with the cost which his hitherto attended the solution of questions of this nature." Saigon duels have always been a subject of amusement to people outside the colony; now the local press is beginning to ridicule them.

For other mail news see Supplement.

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